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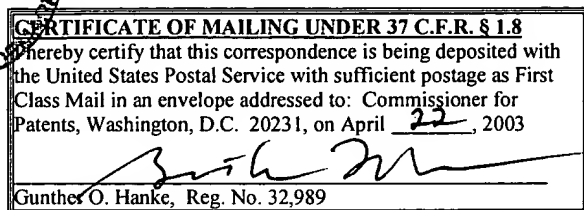
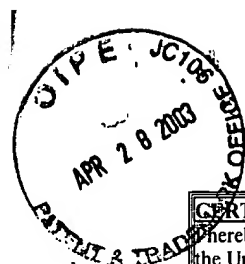
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GROWTH CONTROLLED
INFLATABLE MEMBER FOR A
CATHETER**

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RESPONSE

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